

NCSAM 2012 Blue Box Messages

1. October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Let's make our online lives safer and more secure!
2. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is a time to STOP. THINK. CONNECT. These 3 words remind us to stay safer online.
3. When in doubt, throw it out! Don't open suspicious links in emails, tweets, posts, and ads.
4. Make passwords long and strong. Use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols. Use different passwords for different accounts.
5. Think about the information you want to share before you share it. Own your online identity.
6. Protect *all* devices that connect to the Internet. Computers, phones, and games need protection from viruses & malware.
7. Cybercrime has many forms: scams, ID theft, stalking, cyber bullying, etc. Be aware of online threats.
8. Cybersecurity is Our Shared Responsibility. All computer users have an important role in securing cyberspace so that the Internet is safer for everyone.
9. Think about how your online actions can affect your offline life.
10. The best defense against viruses and malware is to keep a 'clean machine.' Always install the latest upgrades (operating system, web browser, antivirus, etc.) and run virus scans regularly.
11. Think before you act – do not automatically click on embedded links.
12. When shopping online, make sure the site is secure. Look for <https://> or [shttp://](https://).
13. Be wary of online messages that urge you to act now or offer deals that sound too good to be true or ask for personal information.
14. Back up your valuable work, music, photos, and other digital information and store it safely.
15. Have you changed your passwords lately? It's one of the best ways to boost your online safety and security.
16. Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots. Adjust security settings to limit who can access your machine.
17. Stop sharing too much information – keep your personal information personal.
18. Connect with caution and be vigilant of potential threats.
19. Staying safe and secure online is as easy as STOP. THINK. CONNECT.
20. Be web wise. Check trusted awareness websites for the latest information and share with friends and family.

21. The Internet offers tremendous value to our 21st century lives. Let's do our part to keep this digital resource safe and secure.
22. USBs and other external devices can be infected by viruses and malware. Use your security software to scan them regularly.
23. Do you own your online presence? Set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It's okay to limit how and with whom you share information.
24. Many programs will automatically update to defend against known risks. Make sure your automatic update feature is turned on.
25. Once you STOP. THINK. CONNECT. , you can enjoy the Internet with greater confidence, knowing you have taken the right steps to safeguard yourself and your computer.
26. Be a cyber hero! Remember to always STOP. THINK. CONNECT.
27. A cyber aware workforce is an empowered workforce!
28. Cybersecurity is "Our Shared Responsibility." Encourage everyone you know to make sure their online devices are safe and secure.
29. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is a time to STOP. THINK. CONNECT.
30. Be a good digital citizen! Keep a 'clean machine' and THINK before you CONNECT.
31. Raise awareness about cybersecurity throughout the year. Join the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. movement!